

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 1940

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1940, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000

MARCH 13, 1939.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 11, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1940, in the amount of \$300,000.

The details of this estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, which is transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, March 9, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year 1940, in the amount of \$300,000, as follows:

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Reclamation fund, special fund: Paonia project, Colorado: For commencement of construction, \$300,000 from the reclamation fund, special fund, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended (52 Stat. 321-322) ----- \$300, 000

This estimate of appropriation is to provide funds for beginning the construction of two dams on the Paonia project in Colorado. The total estimated cost of the development is \$994,000. This project, with an area of approximately 11,600 acres, was constructed without expense to the United States. Information presented to me indicates that there are no outstanding obligations on account of construction. The water users have experienced difficulty in the full utilization of approximately 6,000 acres of arable valley land largely under constructed canals. The Bureau of Reclamation has made a careful study of conditions and has prepared an estimate of cost which includes \$660,000 for the Fire Mountain division and \$334,000 for the Minnesota division of the project. The Horse Ranch Dam, on the Fire Mountain division, will cost approximately \$617,000; the Beaver Dam, on the Minnesota division, will cost approximately \$312,000; and other features, including surveys, road relocation, reservoir clearance, and the acquisition of rights-of-way, will require \$65,000.

The water users have indicated a willingness to execute a repayment contract to cover the total cost of this project. No new lands are planned to be brought under cultivation by this development. It provides only for the more efficient use of the lands now embraced within the project.

The foregoing estimate is required to meet a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for 1940 and approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,
Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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